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Helene Chung in Melbourne and Sydney

You and your guests are invited to

Ching Chong China Girl

From fruitshop to foreign correspondent

by Helene Chung

introduced by Julie Copeland

of ABC Radio National



A hilarious and bittersweet memoir of growing up different in a very eccentric but traditional Chinese-Tasmanian family.

Warning: Not to be read by convent girls not wearing their gloves.

The Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Level 1, The Sidney Myer Asia Centre
Corner of Swanston Street and Monash Road, Melbourne University VIC 3010

6.30pm Thursday 8 May 2008

RSVP: Acceptances Only events@asialink.unimelb.edu.au with 'Helene Chung' as the subject

'Ching Chong Chinaman' girls taunted Helene Chung in her Catholic school playground in 1950s Hobart. An Australian-born Chinese, Helene not only dealt with being different from her blonde-haired blue-eyed classmates at St Mary's College but suffered the shame of having divorced parents. And she kept a shocking secret - her mother, Miss Henry, was a nude model, who also lived in sin with a foreign devil and drove a red MG.

Surviving the embarrassment of childhood, Helene fell into journalism, became the first non-white reporter on Australian TV and the ABC's first female foreign correspondent. *Ching Chong China Girl* is filled with honesty, humour, love and loss, and gives insight into life that traverses cultures East and West.

Helene, a former Beijing correspondent, is a honorary research fellow at Monash Asia Institute, Melbourne, and author of *Shouting from China*, *Gentle John My Love My Loss* and *Lazy Man in China*.

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Helene Chung will also be appearing at:

Constant Reader Bookstore
for a book signing
12.30pm, Tuesday 22 April 2008
27 Willoughby Rd, Crows Nest NSW 2065
T: 02 9436 3858
Free Council Parking



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